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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the PCT Notification of Transmittal of copies of translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report attached herewith.

This Notification is submitted herewith to be placed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office file of this case.

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(CHAPTER I OR CHAPTER II
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(PCT Rules 44bis.3(c) and 72.2)

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International application No. PCT/JP2004/000967	International filing date (day/month/year) 30 January 2004 (30.01.2004)
Applicant SANYO ELECTRIC CO., LTD. et al	

1. Transmittal of the translation to the applicant.



The International Bureau transmits herewith a copy of the English translation of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I).



The International Bureau transmits herewith a copy of the English translation of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II).

2. Transmittal of the copy of the translation to the designated or elected Offices.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44*bis*)

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International application No. PCT/JP2004/000967	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 30 January 2004 (30.01.2004)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 12 February 2003 (12.02.2003)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
Applicant SANYO ELECTRIC CO., LTD.			

1.	This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 <i>bis</i> .1(a).																								
2.	<p>This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p>In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.</p>																								
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4.	The International Bureau will communicate this report to designated Offices in accordance with Rules 44 <i>bis</i> .3(c) and 93 <i>bis</i> .1 but not, except where the applicant makes an express request under Article 23(2), before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date (Rule 44 <i>bis</i> .2).																								

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Translation

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

To:		Date of mailing (day/month/year) 11-05-2004	
Applicant's or agent's file reference F1040003W000		FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraph 2 below	
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International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC H01G 9/04, 9/02, 9/025, 9/028, 9/055			
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

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2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. 1 Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - ☐ the international application in the language in which it was filed
 - ☐ the translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rule 12.3(a) and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
 - ☐ a sequence listing
 - ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material
 - ☐ on paper
 - ☐ in electronic form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing
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 - ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search
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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-3	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-3	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-3	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations:			
<p>Document 1: JP 2000-114108 A (Nippon Chemi-Con Corporation), 21 April 2000, claims 1 and 3 & WO 00/19468 A & EP 1137019 A1 & US 6515847 B</p> <p>Document 2: JP 4-127635 U (Elna Co., Ltd.), 20 November 1992, paragraph [0010]; [fig. 1]</p> <p>Document 3: JP 2-57329 B (Nippon Chemi-Con Corporation), 4 December 1990, paragraph 2, lines 11 to 14</p> <p>The invention set forth in claim 1 does not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1 (claim 1), document 2 (paragraph [0010]; [fig. 1]) and document 3 (paragraph 2, lines 11 to 14). It would be easy for a person skilled in the art to make the width of the cathode foil narrower than the width of the anode foil, as set forth in document 2, in the solid electrolyte condenser set forth in document 1. Moreover, when doing so, it would be easy for a person skilled in the art to set the anode foil and the separator to approximately the same width.</p> <p>The invention set forth in claim 2 does not involve an inventive step in the light of documents 1, 2 and 3.</p>			

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Box No. V

Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement

Document 2 ([fig. 1]) indicates that the width of the cathode foil is set to exceed 50% but less than 100% of the width of the anode foil.

The invention set forth in claim 3 does not involve an inventive step in the light of documents 1, 2 and 3. Document 1 (claim 3) indicates that polyethylene dioxythiophene is used as an electrolyte.